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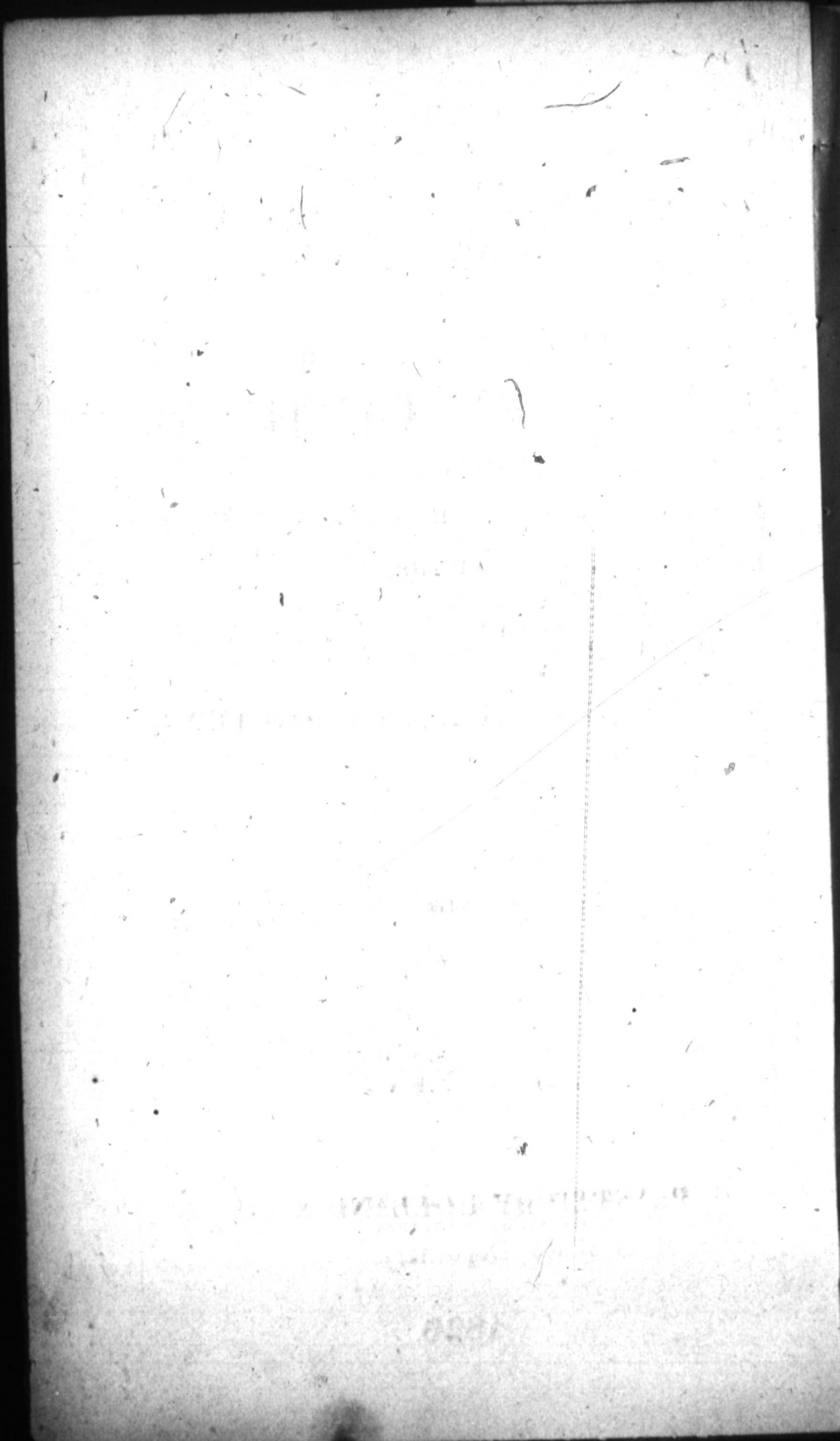
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Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

PRESIDENT,

His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Hon.
the EARL of DALHOUSIE, K.G.C.B. Governor
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Laws and Regulations

OF THE

Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

I. This Society shall be called **The Bible Society of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies** : the object of which shall be the same as that of the **British and Foreign Bible Society**, viz: **To encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and to furnish copies of the Scriptures gratis to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.**

II. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a **President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.**

III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, **benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.**

IV. **Every person contributing annually One Pound, or at one time a donation of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.**

V. **A general meeting of the Members of this Society shall be held every year, in the first week of March, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.**

VI. **The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expences, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.**

VII. **Every Member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments, at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.**

VIII. **The Committee shall be authorised to meet, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary.**

THE
FIFTH REPORT
 OF THE
Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

THE Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, was held at the Exchange Coffee House, Halifax, March 24th, 1820.

His Excellency the Right Honorable

THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, PRESIDENT—

In the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Robson, who then read the Committee's Report, as follows :

REPORT.

IN reporting their proceedings since the last anniversary, the Committee regret that they are under the necessity of stating a considerable deficiency in their receipts. The unusual pressure of the times, continued for several successive years, now bears with increased weight upon various classes of the people, and has, no doubt disabled many individuals from making those contributions to so good a cause which, in happier circumstances, they made with cheerfulness. And besides, from some of the Branch Societies no contributions for the year which has now elapsed have yet come to hand, which, however, may yet be received, and make a considerable reduction in the deficiency complained of.

The Committee do not, and they trust that the Society will not, feel themselves discouraged by the present deficiency. It is to be hoped that the causes of the deficiency are merely temporary, and that the contemplation of it will call forth more vigorous exertions ; so that the funds of the Society will, ere long, assume a more flourishing appearance than at any former period.

The cause in which we are embarked, is not, surely, a cause in which it becomes us from slight discouragements, to relax our exertions.—The object of our association is doubtless, most noble and benevolent.—We aim, in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, to which we stand in the relation of an Auxiliary, at making our brethren of mankind wise unto salvation ; at emancipating them from the iron yoke of ignorance and error, of idolatry and superstition and vice ; at raising them to the dignity of rational, and immortal, and accountable creatures ; at leading them to the contemplation and love of all that is great and venerable and excellent ; at introducing them to the

pure and substantial enjoyment which is to be found in the service of God, in a sense of his favour, and in the hope of a blessed immortality.

And as the object of our association is most noble and benevolent, so the means by which we labour to accomplish it, are unexceptionably appropriate. We seek to make our fellow creatures wise unto salvation, not by obtruding upon them the doctrines of any Church, or of any body of men, however justly renowned, but by putting into their hands, "without note or comment," the lively oracles of God; free from any human mixture, genuine as they flowed from the lips of the apostles and prophets, pure as they came down from Heaven, clear and transparent as the waters of life. There is, therefore, no judicious and consistent Christian, to what sect or denomination soever he may belong, but must decidedly approve our measures, and cordially wish us success. And hence the unprecedented countenance and support which the Parent Institution has received from Christians of every name. It may almost be said that the Christian world, forgetting their minor differences and distinctions, are combined in making one mighty effort, to diffuse over the face of the earth, the knowledge of the only true God, and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent.

We have, indeed; ample reason to rejoice in the majestic progress of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Like the divine personage whose cause she labours to promote, she goes forth "conquering and to conquer." The little cloud which, but lately, was no larger than a man's hand, has already over spread a great part of the heavens, and is pouring down refreshing and fertilizing showers upon the most distant extremities of the east and of the west. Copies of the Scriptures are wafted to almost every shore. The rude natives of Labrador and Greenland, the long oppressed children of Africa, and even the sequestered inhabitants of the Islands of the South Sea, read in their own tongues "the wonderful works of God." The deluded followers of the Arabian prophet, the degraded votaries of Boodha and of Juggernaut, together with many other kinds of idolaters, are enabled, from the perusal of the Scriptures, to observe how much the Christian religion excels those systems of impiety and absurdity which they have hitherto honoured as divine. And Christian Churches, in the eastern parts of the world, once so illustrious, but now for many ages, through the prevalence of ignorance and superstition, and the operation of Mahometan oppression, "shorn of their beams," are upon the point of again enjoying the Scripture in their vernacular tongues; in consequence of which it may be expected that they will, ere long, "shake themselves from the dust," and shine with primeval radiance and glory.

But much yet remains to be done before "the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." And till this blessed result be gained, it becomes not the friends of the Bible cause to diminish their exertions. In other countries, towards the attainment of this glorious end, Christians are making continued and even augmented exertions: And why not also in Nova-Scotia? The inhabitants of this highly favoured Province will not surely, be willing to occupy the lowest, or nearly the lowest place, in the scale of Christian beneficence. The committee, therefore, would earnestly invite their fellow citizens, who have any regard for the Bible, who prize its invaluable contents, and would be instrumental in communicating them to those who are perishing "for lack of knowledge," to become contributors to the funds of this Institution. "Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. But he

who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly ; and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The committee are sorry to observe that in the town of Halifax, which contains so many individuals in wealthy or in easy circumstances, the number of subscribers is so exceedingly limited. The amount of the subscriptions in townships in remote parts of the Province, exceed the amount of those in the metropolis. The cause of this, it is to be presumed, is that the inhabitants of Halifax have never yet been sufficiently roused to consider the powerful claims which the Bible cause has to their attention and favour. May it not be hoped that, in consequence of this appeal, not a few will be inclined to enrol themselves in the number of our contributors?

To the Branch Societies the Committee would, at the same time, most respectfully suggest, the propriety of forwarding, if possible, the sums which they have been able to collect, in such a manner, that they may be received before the annual meeting of the Society:

Since last Anniversary, the Committee have received from the Parent Society at different times, 587 Bibles and 500 Testaments, which, with those previously on hand, make a total of 782 Bibles and 670 Testaments. Of these 457 Bibles and 384 Testaments have been distributed to various Societies and individuals; and there are now in the hands of the Depository 325 Bibles and 286 Testaments, in various languages.

The Committee have now on hand £238 18 10½ ready to be remitted by the first opportunity, to the Parent Institution: and £20 were paid for printing our last Report; making the whole amount of contributions since the commencement of this Society, £2783 1 7.

The Committee, before they conclude their Report, feel themselves constrained to take notice of the lamented indisposition of the Rev. Dr. Gray; whom they have always found an able and cordial coadjutor, and who, in former periods, was wont to be peculiarly active in the preparation of their Reports. They sincerely sympathize with him in his affliction, and cherish the hope that they shall yet again have reason to rejoice in his co-operation.

The Hon. Judge Stewart after making a few observations on the successful progress of the Grand Parent Institution, and on the piety, talent, learning, and eminence of the Princes, Nobles and Bishops, and other great and good men, who are members of that Institution; and after remarking on the good fruits of the Auxiliary Society of this Province, manifested in the excellent Report of the Committee; moved,

That the Report now read be received and adopted; and that it be printed under the direction of the Committee.

The motion was seconded by Elisha Dewolf, Esq. and passed unanimously.

S. B. Robie, Esq. Speaker of the House of Assembly, then addressed his Lordship and the meeting, as follows:

Gentlemen,

In rising to propose the Resolution which I have been desired to submit to this meeting, I shall not attempt to make an eulogium on the Bible, or to enlarge upon the benefits that have been conferred upon mankind by the endeavours of that society to which this is an humble annexment. I trust, however, I shall not be considered as deviating from the duty assigned me, in saying that if a knowledge of the truths of christianity be beneficial to mankind, if it teaches men better than any other

religion how to live and how to die; then the labours of the society whose object is to spread abroad the sacred Books containing that knowledge, must be of the utmost importance to the temporal and eternal welfare of those for whom they are destined. Yet apparent as the truth of this position seems to me, and I hope to all who are here assembled, it cannot be denied that the Bible Society has enemies, and that they are not infrequently found amongst the pious and the learned. The hostility to the Society that has existed amongst men of this description, has always appeared to me to proceed from some of those strange obliquities of the human mind, of which, unaccountable as they are, there are but too many instances on record. For if in detail, nothing wrong can be found in the Bible; if the enemies to its unadulterated circulation confess it to be filled with good; if its precepts are intelligible and its morality the purest that was ever taught; if its obvious effect is to make men better and happier; how can this Book be any thing but a blessing to those who receive it? In language plain but emphatic, it instructs men in their duties; by examples the most majestic and sublime, it teaches them how those duties are to be performed. One of the charges made against the Bible Society is, not that they circulate the Bible, but that they send it abroad without note or comment. This circumstance, constituting the very excellency of the Institution, is alledged as an objection against it: for what absurdities have not been produced by men, authorized, as they pretend, by sacred writ, but in fact proceeding from their own imaginations; from imaginations disturbed by the gloom of an ascetic life, or heated by the bitterness of theological controversy. These very Errors of Bigots and commentators were foretold, and are amongst the proofs existing at the present day of the truth of the sacred writings. The Society therefore sends forth the Bible, as it was given to mankind, without comment or exposition. To the uncivilized, we offer the best means of civilization; to those who live in darkness, we endeavour to communicate the light that we enjoy; and for those indistinct ideas of immortality which all people possess, we substitute the certain assurances of the gospel, which has brought that immortality to light. For so prevalent is the hope of immortality and the belief of a deity, of a Supreme Intelligence which governs and directs the destinies of man; so universal is the influence of that belief over the human race; that it has been asserted that no nation or people have yet been discovered even in the most remote and savage regions of the earth, who have not had some notions of religion, and who have not erected altars to their unknown God. It is to these our darkly wandering Brethren, we would send the Bible; it is these whom we would inform from its pages, that He, whose name alone is Jehovah, is the Most High over all the earth. This is the object, the single object, of the Bible Society. With this in view, it has steadily pursued its course through good Report and through evil Report; and it may be proud, if the members of a Christian Society ought ever to be proud, to number amongst its friends and patrons, the noble and the great, men dignified by their rank, but more illustrious for their talents and their virtues. The mightiest monarchs have added to their titles that of friends and patrons to Bible Societies; and who can say that this title, the last and best, shall not survive when their others have yielded to the fate of all sublunary things, and perished with the Kingdoms and Empires over which they ruled. Whatever success may have attended our limited exertions, we owe much of it amongst human means to the patronage we have enjoyed. This Society was formed under the administration of the late Governor General Sir John C. Sherbrooke; and, during his continu-

ance here, it was favoured with his countenance and support. His name and remembrance will long be associated by the people of Nova-Scotia with the most grateful affections of their hearts; and he, perhaps, in his retirement, may look back to the days he spent amongst us, not indeed as the most splendid, but as the happiest and most useful period of his life. The same patronage has been continued to us by his noble successor, whose presence on this occasion compels me to be silent on the subject of the resolution I am to move. But, in respect to his Lordship's feelings makes it improper now to state the claims he has to our gratitude, it cannot be wrong to express the wish to which that gratitude has given rise. A similar wish was once expressed by a celebrated divine to one of our Sovereigns, as the best evidence he could offer of affectionate attachment to his person and loyalty to his throne; it is, that, in the government to which he is going, his Lordship may not only be aided by the counsels of the wise and good; but that his whole administration may be under the guidance of that happier wisdom in whose right hand is length of days, and in her left hand riches and honour. I therefore move That the thanks of this meeting be given to His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, the President, for his continued patronage of the Society.

The Resolution was seconded by John Allison, Esq. and passed unanimously; when

His Excellency expressed his obligations to the meeting for their kind acceptance of his services and assured them that he considered it a very great honor to stand at the head of so respectable and praiseworthy an Institution, and would ever be ready to promote its benevolent designs.

S. G. W. Archibald, Esq. then rose and said,
 My Lord,—The progress which this society has made in promoting the great work which led to its formation cannot fail to be highly pleasing to every friend to the interests of true religion. The persevering disposition of its several members and the steady support it has received from its officers have placed it now upon a most permanent and respectable foundation. After what has been said, and eloquently said this day, I shall not trespass upon the time of your Lordship and this meeting, except merely to ask permission to offer the following Resolution:

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Vice-Presidents, for the continuance of their services to this Society.

The Revd. John Marshall in rising to second the motion of S. G. W. Archibald, Esq. spoke nearly as follows:—

My Lord—The gentleman who was to second this motion not being present, I have been requested to supply his place, and in doing this I beg leave to make a few remarks on the great and good Institution, to promote the interests of which we have this day met together. It is a cause which must interest every lover of mankind, as it is the means of conveying to them blessings intimately connected with their present and everlasting happiness.

The rapid progress which the British and Foreign Bible Society has made affords a pleasing assurance that its happy influence will shortly spread from "sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

Britain's happy Isle has been distinguished among the nations, for this noblest charity, and is placed by it on an eminence from which the light of the knowledge of the glory of God is diffused through every land, and the streams of salvation flow to earth's remotest bound. To him who is the Sovereign Ruler of all things in earth and heaven, are we indebted

for this most honourable distinction, this most noble preeminence, "The work is His and it shall prosper."

The unanimity which prevails among all sects and denominations of Christians in promoting the benevolent design of this glorious Institution is also a proof that the blessing of God accompanies it; and that through Him it shall increase, spread and prevail. It is a cause which claims the admiration, the regard and the support of all; and in promoting which, honor is rather received than conferred. It is calculated to advance the best interests of mankind, as the spirit of that Holy Book breathes peace on earth and good will to men. Its beneficial effects extend beyond the reach of human laws, and operate where they cannot; for by the powerful influence of the Holy Ghost accompanying the word of life, it touches the secret springs which direct all our actions, checks every unholy passion, and promotes every virtuous and benevolent disposition.

Our happiness is also increased by endeavouring in this respect to contribute to the happiness of others: for in moral things there is a reaction, so that in giving we receive, and by conveying blessings to others they recoll on ourselves, and the giver and receiver rejoice together.

This Institution my Lord may have its enemies, but the most furious blasts of opposition by which this Tree of Life may be assailed, will only scatter the more widely its leaves which are for the healing of the nations. Having omnipotence engaged on its side it must and will flourish and extend, till all opposition is overcome, and his Kingdom established which shall never end.

A late report of the progress of this Institution in England put into my hands by a friend, informs us that *Females* are exerting their powerful influence in this good work, and are emulous to share in its bloodless triumphs, where the victor and the vanquished alike rejoice, are alike benefitted, and will be crowned together. He who has the hearts of all men in his hands, hath also inclined the great, the noble and the learned as well as the ignoble and the illiterate, to unite in a cause in which all are equally interested, and in participating the blessings of which, all stand on one common level—Kings have laid their crowns and Right Reverend Prelates their mitres at the feet of Him who is the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Thomas Roach, Esq. then proceeded,

My Lord—This Institution has not improperly been compared to the Tree of Life, whose leaves were for the healing of the nations

The unparalleled progress and success of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of the other Societies in every part of the world connected with it, is matter of joy; notwithstanding the opposition they have met with from many, who either mistake the principles and motives of those who support and patronize such associations, or who openly or secretly are the enemies of the Holy Bible, and of that Sacred Name which is the sure foundation of the christian's hope. In Great Britain the malignant arm of the infidel has of late been lifted for the foul and fiend like purpose of destroying the Bible and our Holy Religion; and with it, all that constitutes our present and future happiness. But my Lord, it is cause of congratulation, that the sacred cause of christianity, and the spread and diffusion of the Holy Bible, are patronized and defended, in every part of the world, by great numbers of the most distinguished characters of the age, for rank, learning and piety; and in this highly favoured province we might boast of not a few of similar characters taking an active and lively interest in this good cause. When I see your Lord-

ship at the head of this institution, and presiding this day at its anniversary meeting, supported by the Judges of the land, and surrounded by numbers of the most respectable individuals in the country, I must and do consider it a sure pledge of the ultimate success of this Institution; which has for its only object the spread and dissemination of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, pure like their divine author; and no device formed against it can prosper, for if this work be of God (as we know it is) it will bear down all opposition.

I will not trespass longer on the time of your Lordship than by moving,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Gentlemen who compose the Committee, for their unremitting attention to the business of the Society.

W. A. Chipman, Esq. in seconding the Resolution, said,

My Lord—I have the honor to be a member, and one of the Committee of the Cornwallis Bible Society; and can assure you my Lord that the zeal of the members of that Society to assist in promoting the spread of that glorious Gospel we have been speaking of, is not in the least abated; although the scarcity of money makes it difficult for many of them to obtain as much as will pay up their annual subscriptions: but they have sent to me since I came to town the sum of twenty five pounds, which I have paid to the Treasurer here, and I trust they will before long make up the balance for the year past.

The Resolution was then passed unanimously.

The Hon. James Fraser spoke in substance as follows,

My Lord—The work in which the Bible Society in the parent country has been engaged, namely, the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures into countries where the sound of the Gospel was not before known, and the success that has already attended their endeavours, must be gratifying and pleasing to all who have the fear of God before their eyes. The Society in this Province, at its formation, met with some little opposition, but the cause itself being a good one, and countenanced and protected by your Lordship's predecessor, the late Governor in Chief, and the same countenance and protection being since continued by your Lordship, has, not only caused all opposition to cease and vanish, but has insured success to the Institution throughout the Province. I shall add no more, but beg leave to move as follows—

That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the various Branch Societies throughout the Province, for their exertions in support of this Institution; and this meeting assures them of its determination to afford them as liberal a supply of the Holy Scriptures, as its means will admit; which being seconded, by H. H. Cogswell, Esq. was unanimously agreed to.

The Hon. Judge Stewart observed to the Society, that it was his duty, in the absence of their worthy and venerable Vice President, the Hon. Chief Justice Blowers, to move the last Resolve of the day; and he was sorry to add for the last time; as they were now called upon to bid farewell to their truly noble President. He should therefore, accompany his motion with requesting the cordial prayer of the Society, which he was confident would be the unanimous wish of the whole Province; that it would please the Almighty Ruler of all Rulers, to direct and bless his Lordship wherever the duties of his high station may call him. He then moved,

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to His Excellency the President, for his obliging and condescending attention to the business of this day.

John Howe, Esq. (on seconding thanks to the President)—

Gentlemen—It is with pleasure I rise to second the resolution now proposed. In common with every member of this society, I have witnessed with pleasure, the zeal his Lordship has ever shewn to promote the benevolent design of this institution. Its sole object has been to give a free circulation to the Bible, without note or comment. The success which will ever attend this object, is manifest from the manner in which the Everlasting Gospel it contains, was first spread abroad in the earth. Jesus standing in the presence of his disciples before his final ascension, commanded them to go throughout the world and preach that Gospel to every creature: and he prefaced this command with the declaration—“*All Power in Heaven and in Earth is in my Hands.*” It was therefore evident that no power on earth could impede the course of that Gospel, which he thus sent abroad: And though the persons whom Jesus selected to execute this mission, were not such, as human wisdom would have chosen—yet aided with the power of Him who sent them forth, and endued with the gift of tongues and ability to work miracles in confirmation of the truth of the Glad Tidings they published, they pursued with undeviating course the object committed to their trust, in defiance of sufferings of every kind, and even of death itself, until they had established that Gospel throughout the known world.

But a few centuries passed away, before that mighty empire over which heathenism everywhere prevailed, and which had exerted all its power and influence to let and hinder the publication of the Gospel was totally changed, heathenism was rooted out of the empire, and christianity became the professed religion of the civilized world.

Barbarian inroads at length shook and divided its power.—and various for ages were the efforts of the friends and the enemies of the Gospel:—But it has ever been so peculiarly the care of him who sent it abroad in the earth; that no weapon formed against it has been able to prosper.—It has been preached both by its friends and its enemies; and Paul himself declared he rejoiced that it was published by men whether in pretence or in truth—and all the opposition it has encountered or ever will encounter, has turned out, and will turn out to the furtherance of it. It has ever thriven in the midst of opposition, and triumphant over all its enemies, it will accomplish the glorious object of him who sent it forth.

A state of things at length arose in the earth, which seemed for a time, like the clouds which pass before the sun, to obscure its influence, and as the Prophet Amos expresses it, a famine of the word of God ensued.—Blindness and ignorance once more prevailed—and so much the more as the Kings of the earth supported them with their whole power and influence. But this book we are engaged in circulating, had clearly pointed out these events, and the period of their continuance; and had as plainly shewn, that a time would come, when this darkness should be dispelled, and this book prophecy again, before many peoples, and nations, and tongues and kings.

How this was to be effected, could as little occur to men as the wonderful manner in which this Gospel was at first published. The gift of tongues had ceased. The power to work miracles was no more.

Several centuries have now elapsed since by the discovery of the art of printing, a providential facility was afforded for the republication of the Scriptures in all the languages of the nations,—That learning which was necessary to aid this object, has revived with it, and able translators are continually presenting themselves. Schools for the instruction of

the poor, and to enable them to read this book, are increasing in all directions. In this honorable course, our nation has continually taken the lead,—Under the authority of its government immense editions of the Bible have been printed, and circulated; and it is rendered the cheapest book that ever was published. All these previous steps have been laying the foundation, and preparing the way, for a more general and united effort, to republish, and to carry to the ends of the earth the everlasting Gospel.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, have wisely adopted a course, which is peculiarly suited to their object.—To send abroad the Bible without note or comment. This has created an unparalleled union of exertion.

The opposition the Society has met with, as all future opposition will, has had the salutary effect to excite inquiry, and increase the friends of the Institution—and it is probable if we had met with more opposition here, the exertions of this Society would have been greater. It is well for us to take a view of the Proceedings of the Parent Society the past year. It received during the year £94,306 17 10, and expended £92,237 1 4. For Bibles and Testaments in the language of the United Kingdom alone it expended £47,371 18 9. It issued during the year 123247 Bibles, and 130782 Testaments, being 65930 Bibles and Testaments more than the preceding year. In less than fourteen years it has issued two millions three hundred thousand Bibles and Testaments. When we add to this the immense issue of the numerous editions which have been published and widely circulated by the Foreign Societies, and the increasing efforts which are everywhere making—we may well look on and wonder. Chiefly through the efforts, or the pecuniary aid of the Parent Institution, have the Scriptures now been translated and published in *Seventy* languages.—In the extensive empire of Russia alone into 26; and the monarch of that powerful kingdom, is aiding this undertaking by his most zealous exertions: and it is a remarkable fact, that a translation of the New Testament in the Turkish language, an object the Society had found of difficult attainment, has been effected by persons under the immediate patronage of the French monarch, and that the same persons are now engaged in a complete translation of the whole Bible into that language. In India it has been translated into many languages, and this work is going successfully on, aided by the funds of the Society.

Besides these astonishing efforts, it is a circumstance no less deserving of our notice, because clearly foretold, that the Kings of the Earth are generally, not only withdrawing their opposition to a free circulation of the Scriptures, but are aiding it with their revenues, and many of them are making the most zealous exertions to disseminate it throughout their dominions. They seem to be awakened to the advice given them in the 2d Psalm, which says, alluding to the extensive empire of *Him* who sent this gospel forth, "Be wise ye kings—be instructed ye judges of the earth.—Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.—Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

The Rulers of the Earth have discovered that the free circulation of a Book, which teaches men to fear God and honor the King—To love our neighbour as ourselves—To do to others as we would they should do to us; and even directs us to love our enemies, while it does much good, can do no possible injury to their governments.

When therefore we take a view of the extensive efforts which have been already made towards the republication of the Scriptures through-

out the earth; when we view how far this object has been attained in the last 15 years, by the united efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society; when we see its influence and example, extended to the remotest regions of the earth; and the wealth which is necessary to give effect to its gigantic efforts increasing with the occasions which draw it forth; we must be blind, if we do not see in all this, the overruling power of Him who sent this Gospel forth, and who has declared it shall be published throughout the world before the end come.

In this Province we have been highly favoured. Here our Rulers have opposed no obstacle to the free circulation of the Scriptures.—The present Representative of our Sovereign has ever cheerfully presided at our Meetings, and zealously aided the sole object of them.

And though the discharge of more extensive duties will soon remove his Lordship from us, I am satisfied this Institution will not be forgotten by him.—That His Lordship though absent will read with pleasure its future proceedings, and ever rejoice in its more extended exertions.—And I am happy to add our best wishes will ever accompany him.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

His Lordship thanked the meeting for the honor they conferred upon him, and signified that attendance on such meetings as this always gave him unfeigned pleasure.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

Report of the Dorchester Bible Society.

A general meeting of the Dorchester Bible Society was held here on the 1st of March 1819, but the day being unfavourable and the meeting very thin, it was adjourned to the 17th, when the following report was read, detailing the proceedings of the Society for the year.

The committee have to state that their proceedings since last meeting of the society have necessarily been few and of little importance. They have endeavoured to ascertain the state of the settlement in regard to the want of Bibles, and have found that the Protestant part of the population both English and Galic, are in general provided with them, and on this account there is little demand for them excepting for the use of Schools.

The subscriptions for last year amount to 22l. 9s. 2d. and the donations to 13l. 17s. 6d. making a total of 36l. 6s. 8d. of this 22l. 5s. 10d. have been received and there are arrears to the amount of 14l. 0s. 10d. due to the Society. Of the 22l. 5s. 10d. received 20l. 0 0 have been remitted to Halifax, and the balance with 4l. 10s. 3d. the proceeds of Bibles and Testaments sold, makes the funds at present in the hands of the Treasurer amount to 6l. 16s. 1. Of the 20l. remitted to Halifax, one half has been returned in Bibles and Testaments, which are now for sale with the Depository.

As the committee are persuaded that the amount of the arrears due to the Society is increased by the difficulty of procuring cash, they recommend it to the Society to empower their successors in office to take payment of the produce of the country at cash prices: and with this recommendation they resign their office, hoping that this and every other institution whose object is the diffusion of the word of life, may continue to flourish until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

This recommendation was adopted by the Society and a new committee chosen for the year. THOMAS TROTTER, President.

N. B. The above did not come to hand in time to be inserted in the appendix of the Report for 1819.

No. 2.

Report of the Cumberland Bible Society.

At this anniversary of the meeting of the Subscribers and friends of the Cumberland Bible Society—we have to acknowledge with gratitude the benevolence of many who continue real friends to this invaluable Institution; whilst we have to lament the opposition which it has met with from some who profess to be the followers of that Saviour, whose word, and whose precepts, it is the object of this Institution to spread over the habitable world.

The sums collected at and since the last annual meeting, amount to 23l. 10s. 6d. which with the balance of 22s. 4d. reported last year, makes

21l. 12s. 10d. of this 23l. 10s. 8d. has been paid to the Treasurer, of the Nova Scotia Bible Society. The freight of books and other incidental expenses (as stated in the account current) of 17s.—leaving a balance in the hands of your Secretary of 5s. 2d. The sums collected and paid to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society since the commencement of this institution amount altogether to 127l. 10s. 8d. There has been received during the same period at different times, from the depository of that Society, Bibles and Testaments at cost and charges to the amount of 64l. 15s. 10½; included in this sum there was received last August 73 Bibles and 45 Testaments now in your depository the cost and charges of which are stated to be 36l. 16s. 3d.—at the same time 50 of the reports of the N. Scotia Bible Society were sent gratis, the greater part of which have been distributed; as well as a number of the 14th report of the British and Foreign Bible Society which had previously been sent. The accounts which have been received from the parent Society contained in that report, convey the most pleasing and gratifying information, of the progress and spread of the Scriptures of divine truth, in almost every land and language under Heaven through the unbounded exertions of that Society. Your committee trust that the friends of this institution will persevere in so good a cause, and that they will still lend their aid to send the written and inspired oracles of God to the uttermost parts of the earth.

THOMAS ROACH, Sec'y. C. B. S.

Cumberland, 5th January 1820.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO THE NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

For the year 1819.

HALIFAX.	Annual. Dona tion
Archibald, S. G. W. Esq.	£1 0 0
Allison, Mr. Joseph	1 0 0
Blowers, Hon. The Chief Justice	1 0 0
Black, Hon. John	1 0 0
Bromley, Walter Esq.	1 0 0
Black, Revd. William	1 0 0
Burton, Revd. John	1 0 0
Black, Mr. Martin G.	1 0 0
Cogswell, H. H. Esq.	1 0 0
Clark, Mr. John	1 0 0
Collins, Mr. Enos	1 0 0
Crawley, Hon. T. (Sydney)	1 0 0
Dalhousie, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of	3 0 0
Fraser, the Hon. James	1 0 0
Foreman, James Esq.	1 0 0
Fraser, Mr. A.	10 0
Gray, The Revd. Doctor	1 0 0
Grant, Mr. J.	10 0
Grant, Mr. P.	10 0
Howe, John Esq.	1 0 0
Howe, John Jun. Esq.	1 0 0
Head, Samuel Esq.	1 0 0
Hamilton, Mr. James	1 0 0
Izat, Mrs.	1 0 0
Izat Mr. Alexander	1 0 0

	Annual. Donation
Jeffery, The Hon. T. N.	£1 0 0
Lawson, John Esq.	1 0 0
Lawson, William Esq.	1 0 0
Lydiard, Mr. Samuel	1 0 0
Morris, Mr. John William	1 0 0
Morris, the Hon. Charles	1 0 0
McNeil, Mr. John	1 0 0
Mott, Mrs. Elizabeth (Preston)	1 0 0
Robie, S. B. Esq.	1 0 0
Robson, the Revd. James	2 6 8
Stewart, the Hon. Judge	1 0 0
Starr, John Esq.	1 0 0
Shannon, Mr. James N.	1 0 0
Temple, the Revd. Mr.	1 0 0
Wentworth, Sir John	1 0 0

ANNAPOLIS.

Ansley, Rev. Thomas	1 0 0	
Bent, William	1 0 0	
Bent, Asa	1 0 0	
Bent, Stephen	10 0	
Bayard, Sam. V.	2 0 0	
Chipman, Major	10 0	
Chute, Benjamin	10 0	
Eager, James	10 0	
Emery, Dennis	10 0	
Foster, Joseph	1 0 0	
Fellowes, Israel (A legacy)		1 0 0
Fellowes, Joseph	1 0 0	
Gibbon, Arthur		10 0
Lovet, James		5 0
Quinn, Roger	10 0	
Sueden, Margaret		5 0
Spurr, Thomas	1 10 0	
Simpson, Henry	10 0	
Tupper, (widow) Elizabeth		2 6
Trumbull, Robert	1 0 0	
Trumbull, William	10 0	
Whitman, Jacob	10 0	
Whitman, Jacob (2d)	10 0	

BARRINGTON.

Sargent, John Esq.	1 0 0	
Sargent, W. B. Esq.	1 0 0	
McGuire, Thomas (for 1818)	7 6	
Reynolds, Saml.	5 0	
Amount of Bibles and Testaments, disposed of by J. Sargent, Esq.		6 1 0

CHESTER.

Andress, Mr. John	1 0 0
Andress, Mr. Philip	1 0 0
Bauchman, Mr. Nicholas	1 0 0
Bezanson, Mr. John	1 0 0
Boyles, Mrs. (a widow)	1 0 0
Bradshaw, Mr. John	1 0 0
Crandel, David W. Esq. Treasurer,	2 6 8
Cockum, Mr. Peter	1 0 0
Dimock, Rev. Joseph, President,	1 3 4

	Annual. Donation	
Ellis, Mrs. Sarah (a widow)	£	5 0
Enright, Edward Esq.		1 0 0
Floyd, Mr. Nicholas		1 0 0
Hunt, Mr. John		1 0 0
Isonhour, Mr. Peter		1 0 0
Mitchell, Mr. George, Secretary		1 0 0
McCord, Mr. Joseph		10 0
Simons, Mr. George		10 0
Thomson, Mr. James S. Depositary,		1 0 0
Vaughan, Mr. Anthony, V. Pres.		1 0 0
Webber, Mr. Joseph,		1 0 0
Money arising from the sale of Bibles,		4 17 5
CORNWALLIS.		
Allison, James Esq,		1 0 0
Burbidge, James		1 0 0
Bordain, William		1 0 0
Bentley, Asael		1 0 0
Bordain, Edward		1 0 0
Burgess, Benjamin		1 0 0
Bleigh, Thomas		1 0 0
Burbidge, Ann (widow)		1 0 0
Barnaby, Timothy sen.		1 10 0
Beckwith, Asa		1 0 0
Bolls, Graham		10 0
Bayard, Doctor		1 0 0
Best, John B.		10 0
Chipman, John Esq.		1 0 0
Chipman, W. A. Esq.		1 0 0
Chipman, H.		1 0 0
Chipman, William		1 0 0
Chase, Joshua		1 0 0
Cumming, George		1 0 0
Chipman, Samuel		1 0 0
Chipman, William jun.		1 0 0
Calkins, Ahira		1 0 0
Clem, William		10 0
Chase, David		1 0 0
Cogswell, Daniel		1 0 0
Calkins, James		1 0 0
Calkins, Elias		1 0 0
Chase, William		1 0 0
Cogswell, James		1 0 0
Cleveland, Enoch		1 0 0
Cogswell, William		1 0 0
Calkins, John		5 0
Cogswell, Oliver		1 0 0
Campbell, John		5 0
Chipman, John H.		10 0
Chipman, master James		2 6
Chipman, George		1 0 0
Chipman, Charles		10 0
Dickie, William		1 0 0
Dickey, David		1 0 0
Dickie, James		1 0 0
Eaton, John		1 0 0
Ells, Jedediah		1 0 0

	Annual. Donation	
Eaton, Stephen jun.	£1 0 0	
Ells, Samuel	5 0	
Eaton, Elisha	1 0 0	
Eaton, William	10 0	
Forsyth, Rev. Mr.	1 0 0	
Fox, James	1 0 0	
Gisner, Henry	1 0 0	
Gisner, John W.	1 0 0	
Harris, John	1 0 0	
Harris, Alphens	1 0 0	
Harris, Rev. David	1 0 0	
Huntington, Ezra	10 0	
Isley, Randel	1 0 0	
Kinsman, Ezekiel	1 0 0	
Kinsman, Ebenezer	1 0 0	
Kinsman, Daniel	10 0	
Kinsman, Amos	10 0	
Logan, William	5 0	
Lodge, St. George's No. 11, held at Cornwallis,	1 0 0	
Manning, Rev. Edward	1 0 0	
Morton, Roland	1 0 0	
Marchant, William	1 0 0	
Masters, Silas W.	1 0 0	
Mills, Stephen	1 0 0	
Mee, Thomas		10 0
Newcomb, John	1 0 0	
Nesbet, Joseph	1 0 0	
Newcomb, Jonathan	10 0	
Newcomb, Abraham	1 0 0	
Porter, Stephen	1 0 0	
Palmeter, Nathan	1 0 0	
Porter, Eber	1 0 0	
Porter, Edmund	10 0	
Porter, Jeremiah	1 0 0	
Parker, Daniel	10 0	
Pearson, John	10 0	
Pierce, Joseph	5 0	
Pierce, Miss Sarah		1 3
Reid, Walter	1 0 0	
Rusco, William	5 0	
Rand, Caleb H.		10 0
Sandford, Benjamin	1 0 0	
Sandford, Daniel	1 0 0	
Starr, William	1 3 4	
Starrett, Joseph	1 0 0	
Tupper, Thomas	1 0 0	
Terry, John M.	7 6	
Tupper, Eliakim	1 0 0	
Terry, Paren	1 0 0	
Tupper, Augustin	1 0 0	
Tupper, Eliakim jun.	1 0 0	
Terry, John	1 0 0	
Webster, Abraham	1 0 0	
Woodworth, Levi	1 0 0	
Ward, John	1 0 0	

	Annual. Donation
Woodworth, Nathan	£1 0 0
Woodworth, Oliver,	1 0 0
Wood, Enoch	1 0 0
Webster, Isaac	1 0 0
White, Timothy	1 0 0
Woodworth, Eleazer	10 0
Woodworth, James	5 0
West, Nathan	10 0
Woodworth, Peter	5 0
Woodworth, John	10 0
Woodworth, George	5 0
Woodward, Henry	5 0
Webster, Dr. Isaac	1 5 0

CUMBERLAND.

Baker, Charles Esq. Pres.	10 0
Baker, Miss Charlotte	5 0
Baker, William Esq. Y. P.	10 0
Bent, Martin	10 0
Black, John Esq.	10 0
Black, Richard	10 0
Chapman, Thomas	10 0
Crane, William Esq.	10 0
Dickey, Robert	10 0
Dobson, John	10 0
Easterbrooks, Valentine	10 0
Freeman, William Esq. V. P.	10 0
Jarvis, Mrs. Ann. (widow)	5 0
Keilor, Thomas	10 0
Liddell, Revd. John	10 0
Logan, Hugh	1 0 0
Logan, Mrs. Hugh	5 0
Logan, Mathew	10 0
Logan, Thomas	10 0
Logan, Mrs. Thomas	5 0
Miligan, Scipio	5 0
Oxley, Joseph	10 0
Revell, George	10 0
Roach, John	10 0
Roach, Thomas Esq. v. p. & dep.	1 0 0
Trenholm, John	10 0
Trenholm, William	10 0
Trueman, Mrs. Cynthia	10 0
Trueman, Harmon (Treas)	1 0 0
Trueman, Miss Mary	10 0
Trueman, William	1 0 0
Trueman, William Jun.	10 0
Tupper, Revd. Charles	10 0
Wells, Joseph	10 0
FEMALE ASSOCIATION AT RIVER PHILIP.	
Black, Mrs. Barbara	10 0
Black, Miss Margaret	5 0
Black, Miss Nancy	5 0
Black, Mrs. Sarah	5 0
Brundige, Mrs. Susanna	2 6
Davison, Mrs. Elizabeth	5 0
Fales, Mrs. Eliza	5 0

	Annual. Donation
Johnson, Mrs. Mary	£ 4 0
Johnston, Miss Nancy.	4 0
Oxley, Mrs. Eliza S.	5 0
Oxley, Mrs. Mary	5 0
Read, Miss Sarah	5 0
Tait, Mrs. Fanny	5 0
Tait, Miss Isabella	5 0
Taylor, Mrs. Ann	5 0
Taylor, Mrs. Sarah	2 6
Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth	5 0
Thompson, Mrs. Mary	2 6
Thompson, Miss Mary	5 0
Weatherby, Mrs. Sarah	5 0

DORCHESTER.

Bullantyne, David	1 0 0
Baxter John	10 0
Bradshaw, George James Capt.	10 0
Campbell, Robert	1 0 0
Campbell, James	1 0 0
Chisholm, John mercht.	10 0 10 0
Cochran, James	10 0
Cunningham, John, Esq.	1 0 0
Cunningham, A. Ruth Mrs.	10 0
Gun, John Manchester	1 0 0
Hierlihy, W. Timothy Esq.	1 0 0
Hierlihy, John Capt.	1 0 0
Hierlihy, Sally miss	5 0
Henry, N. Robert Capt.	1 0 0 1 10 0
Irish, Simeon Capt.	10 0
Irish, George Capt.	10 0
Irish, William	10 0
McCaskell, Murdoch	10 0
McIver, John	10 0
McDonald, Alex. M. D.	1 0 0
McDonald, John mercht.	10 0
McDonald, John Glencoe	5 0
Mr. Lellan, Kenneth	10 0
Peabody G. John Capt.	10 0
Randle, John	10 0
Symonds, Nathaniel Esq.	1 0 0
Symonds, Joseph	10 0
Symonds, Samuel	10 0
Monro, John	10 0
Trotter, Thomas Revd.	1 3 4
Thomson, William Sen.	1 0 0
Thomson, William Jun.	10 0
Taylor, William	10 0
Taylor, John	10 0
Whitford, Foster	10 0 10 0
Williams, Alexander	10 0
Williams, John	10 0

DOUGLASS.

Smith, William Esq.	1 0 0
Smith, Richard Esq.	1 0 0
Smith, Benj. Esq.	1 0 0
Wjer, Wm. sen. (of Rawdon)	5 0

Smith, Wm. Esq. for a Gaelic Bible sold, £ 8 0
LONDONDERRY.

Brown, Rev John	1 0 c	
Brown, John jun.	5 0	
Corbit, Thomas	5 0	
Crow, Joseph	10 0	
Dawson, Wm sen.	5 0	
Deyermond, John	10 0	
M'Cully, Wm sen.	10 0	
M'Nutt, Wm.	5 0	
Mahan, Joseph	5 0	
Martin, Mark Paton		1 0 0
Mercer, James, for two years	10 0	
Moor, Wm	5 0	
Morrison, Daniel	10 0	
Stewart, John	5 0	
Urquhart, Alex.	5 0	
Money arising from the sale of Bibles.		4 14 6

NEWPORT.

Allison, John	1 0 0	
Allison, John jun.	10 0	
Allison, Wm	10 0	
Allison, James W.	10 0	
Allen, Thomas	5 0	
Bennet, Rev Wm	1 0 0	
Brison, John	10 0	
Dimock, Deborah	10 0	
Dimock, Shubael jun	10 0	
Dimock, Harris		10 0
Dimock, George	10 0	
Fish, Jonathan		10 0
Harvie, James, 2 years subscription, t.	0 0	
Hambly, Wm. S.	10 0	
Hunter, George		5 0
McKay, Wm. 2 years sub.	1 0 0	
Mann, John		2 6
Shaw, Jedidiah, 2 years sub.	1 0 0	
Smith, Archibald do.	1 0 0	
Salter, John	5 0	
Shaw, Anthony	1 0 0	
Shaw, Wm.	10 0	
Smith, James	10 0	
Money arising from the sale of Bibles.		2 6 4

ECONOMY.

Corbet, Peleg	2 6	
Crow, James W.	5 0	
Friend,	5 0	
Hamilton, Thomas	2 6	
Marsh, Joshua Esq	10 0	
Marsh, Wilson	5 0	
Marsh, John jun.	5 0	
Marsh, Mary	2 6	
Marsh, James 3d	5 0	
McLaughlin, Henry	10 0	
McLaughlin, Daniel	8 0	
Miller, Margaret	5 0	

	Annual. Donation
Miller, Robert	£ 4 5
Moore, Samuel	5 0
Moore, Wm. jun	5 0
Moore, James	5 0
Money arising from sale bibles & testaments, 2	11 6½

TRURO.

Archibald, James Esq.	10 0
Archibald, Mathew	10 0
Archibald, John B.	5 0
Archibald, William	10 0
Archibald, M. 3d.	5 0
Blanchard, Edward S.	10 0
Bryuion, James	5 0
Blair, Robert C.	5 0
Christie, John	10 0
Dunlap, James	10 0
Dunlap, Mary	5 0
Dickson, William	10 0
Hamilton, William	10 0
Knight, Alexander	5 0
Miller, Alexander	10 0
McCully, William	5 0
Phillips, Daniel	5 0
Ross, William	10 0
Smith, John	10 0
Smith, William	5 0
Smith, Mary	5 0
Smith Ebenezer	5 0
Tucker, Charles	5 0
Waddel, Revd. John	10 0
Yuill, John	10 0
Yuill, James	5 0

STEWIACK BRANCH OF THE TRURO SOCIETY.

Bentley, David	5 0
Creelman, Samuel	10 0
Cox, Wm.	10 0
Crocket, James	5 0
Gammel, Robert	10 0
Gammel, Archibald	10 0
Gammel, Wm. John	5 0
Graham, Rev Hugh	10 0
Johnson, Wm.	10 0
Logan Robert	5 0
Logan John	5 0
Newcomb, Abraham	10 0
Newcomb, D. Matthew	5 0
Pearson, Wm	10 0
Putnam, Timothy	5 0
Sertil, Amos	5 0
Tupper, Samuel Esq	10 0
Tupper, Eliakim	10 6
Upham, C. Daniel	5 0